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To the Chairman and Members,
of the Uttoxeter Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I again have the honour of presenting my Annual Report for the Urban District of Uttoxeter for the year 1945.

The district is the market town for the surrounding neighbourhood for general produce and also has a good cattle market. The area of the district is 3351 acres with an estimated population of 6618 a decrease of 173 from the previous year. The rateable value is £36233 and a penny rate brings in the nett sum of £142.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.- There were 140 live births in and belonging to the district 66 boys and 74 girls. This is a birth rate of 21.15 which compares favourably with 16.1 the birth rate for the whole country. Of these there were 17 illegitimate births. There was only one still birth.

Deaths.- There were 90 deaths which is a death rate of 13.6.

Infantile Mortality.- Four children died under one year of age which is an infantile mortality death rate of 28.57.

There were not any deaths from puerperal sepsis or other puerperal causes but there were 2 from diseases of pregnancy. There were not any deaths from infectious diseases but one from infantile diarrhoea. Cancer was the cause of death in 11 cases, the other principal causes being brain diseases 12 cases, heart diseases and other diseases of the circulation 29 cases, diseases of the lungs and respiration excluding tuberculosis 7 cases and one of tuberculosis.

Provision of Health Services is carried ^{out} as usual. Home nursing and health visiting are done by the district nurses. There are not any hospitals in the district for general or special treatment, nor is there any maternity accommodation but I had hoped that the Convalescent Home, in memory of the late Dr. Chas. Bamford, might have been adapted for a few maternity beds but at present nothing has come up to expectations though urgently needed in the town and surrounding district. Hospital treatment and isolation for infectious diseases is provided by arrangement with the Mid. Staffordshire Joint Hospital Board, patients being fetched in their ambulance.

Sanitary Circumstances.- Housing schemes have been adopted, over seventy houses have been completed and many more are in course of erection.

Water Supply.- As requested this is dealt with rather more fully than usual. There are three main sources, the first is from the springs at Bramshall which is the original supply to the town, this is a very good soft water and yields about 40,000 gallons per day. The bacteriological examination is good. The next source of supply is from the springs at Somersal in Derbyshire, this water is variable in quantity and quality, the yield averages about 20,000 gallons per day and the quality sometimes shows contamination on bacteriological examination but it is very gratifying to find that the water after chlorination becomes almost sterile. The remaining source of supply is from the springs at Crumpwood only part of which is utilised at present. This is a good water bacteriologically but is rather hard and has the disadvantage of having to be pumped. The yield at present being taken is about 300,000 gallons per day. These supplies are not sufficient for the present needs of the town so a large comprehensive scheme is being considered for bringing more water from Crumpwood and increasing the storage there and at the Bramshall reservoir.

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The sewerage arrangements are unchanged but the main sewers will require extension for the erection of new houses.

Infectious diseases. - These are now arranged into age groups and the notifications received during the year were Scarlet Fever 12 cases, 1 in the 1 to 3 age group, 1 in the 3 to 5 group, 7 in the 5 to 10 group, 2 in the 10 to 15 group and 1 over 25 years of age.

Whooping Cough- 5 cases, 2 being in the 1 to 3 group, 1 in the 3 to 5 group and 2 in the 5 to 10 group.

Measles - 63 cases 2 under 1 year of age, 13 in the 1 to 3 group, 14 in the 3 to 5 group, 30 in the 5 to 10 group, 3 in the 10 to 15 group and 1 over 25 years of age,

Diphtheria 3 cases, 1 in the 5 to 10 group and 2 in the 15 to 25 group.

Erysipelas - 2 cases.

Fuerperal Pyrexia - 1 case.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum - 1 case.

Diphtheria Immunisation - During the year 74 children under 5 years of age and 14 between the ages of 5 and 14 have received treatment.

Tuberculosis - No action has been required under the Prevention of tuberculosis regulations.

Two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis have been notified during the year one a female aged 25 and one a male aged 62. There has been one death from pulmonary tuberculosis a male aged 59 which gives a death rate of .15 for these diseases.

Yours faithfully,

G. HEYWOOD HERBERT.

Medical Officer of Health.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the Board of Directors of the City of New York.

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